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# OUR CITY OUR HOME COMMUNITY RESEARCHER PROGRAM

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# How can we integrate community wisdom and strengthen our data collection efforts?

By empowering those with lived experience to meaningfully  
engage in this work.



# Background

## OCOH Overview

The purpose of the Our City Our Home Oversight Committee is to monitor and make recommendations in the administration of the Our City, Our Home Fund, to take steps to ensure that the fund is administered in a manner accountable to the community and consistent with the law, and to advise the Board of Supervisors on appropriations from the Our City, Our Home Fund. As part of this purpose, the Oversight Committee is responsible for:

- Developing recommendations for prioritizing the use of funds appropriated from the Our City, Our Home Fund.
- Promoting and facilitating transparency in the administration of the Our City, Our Home Fund.
- Promoting implementation of the programs funded by the Our City, Our Home Fund in a culturally sensitive manner.

# Background

## Required OCOH Needs Assessment

By December 31, 2019, and every three years thereafter, conducting a needs assessment with respect to homelessness and Homeless populations, including but not limited to an assessment of available data on subpopulations with regard to race, family composition, sexual orientation, age, and gender served by the programs and expenditures described in Section 2810(b)(3), and make annual recommendations about appropriations from the Our City, Our Home Fund to the Board of Supervisors consistent with that needs assessment.

# Background

## Needs Assessment Approach (Adopted by OCOH Committee)

- On-going analysis and community engagement to inform OCOH recommendations
- Racial equity and lived expertise at the center
- Coordinated with other citywide planning and evaluation activities (HSH, DPH, Controller's Office)
- Community-based participatory research methods (i.e, integrated with OCOH lived expertise leadership, investing in opportunities for lived experts to be hired and trained to conduct analysis and engagement activities)



# Background

## Needs Assessment Activities (Adopted by OCOH Committee)

- Population analysis
- Inventory gaps analysis
- Performance analysis
- Qualitative analysis
- Reporting and discussion
- Lived Expertise Leadership



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## Data Working Group

- The data working group meets monthly to move forward the OCOH data agenda by reviewing analytical work and coordinating around data needs.
- The Data Working Group includes the OCOH Oversight Committee's Data Officer, Chair, and Controller's appointment as well as City staff from HSH, DPH, MOHCD and the Mayor's Office



# Background

## Lived Expertise Engagement

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- The expertise of people who are experiencing or have experienced homelessness is essential to effective assessment and oversight of the Our City Our Home fund.
- It is a necessary component of a high-performing City response to addressing homelessness.
- There are numerous models for engagement of those most impacted by a population level issue in data collection and analysis (YWFC, UCSF, Tipping Point, Glide, etc.)
- An ongoing mechanism for engagement of those with lived expertise speaks to our OCOH values .





## OCOH COMMUNITY RESEARCHER PROGRAM (CRP)

### Community Based Participatory Research Principles

- "Nothing About Us Without Us"
- CBPR promotes collaborative and equitable partnerships in all research phases and involves an empowering and power-sharing process.
- CBPR recognizes community as a unit of identity.
- CBPR builds on strengths and resources within the community.
- CBPR facilitates co-learning and capacity building among all partners.



## Community Based Participatory Research Principles

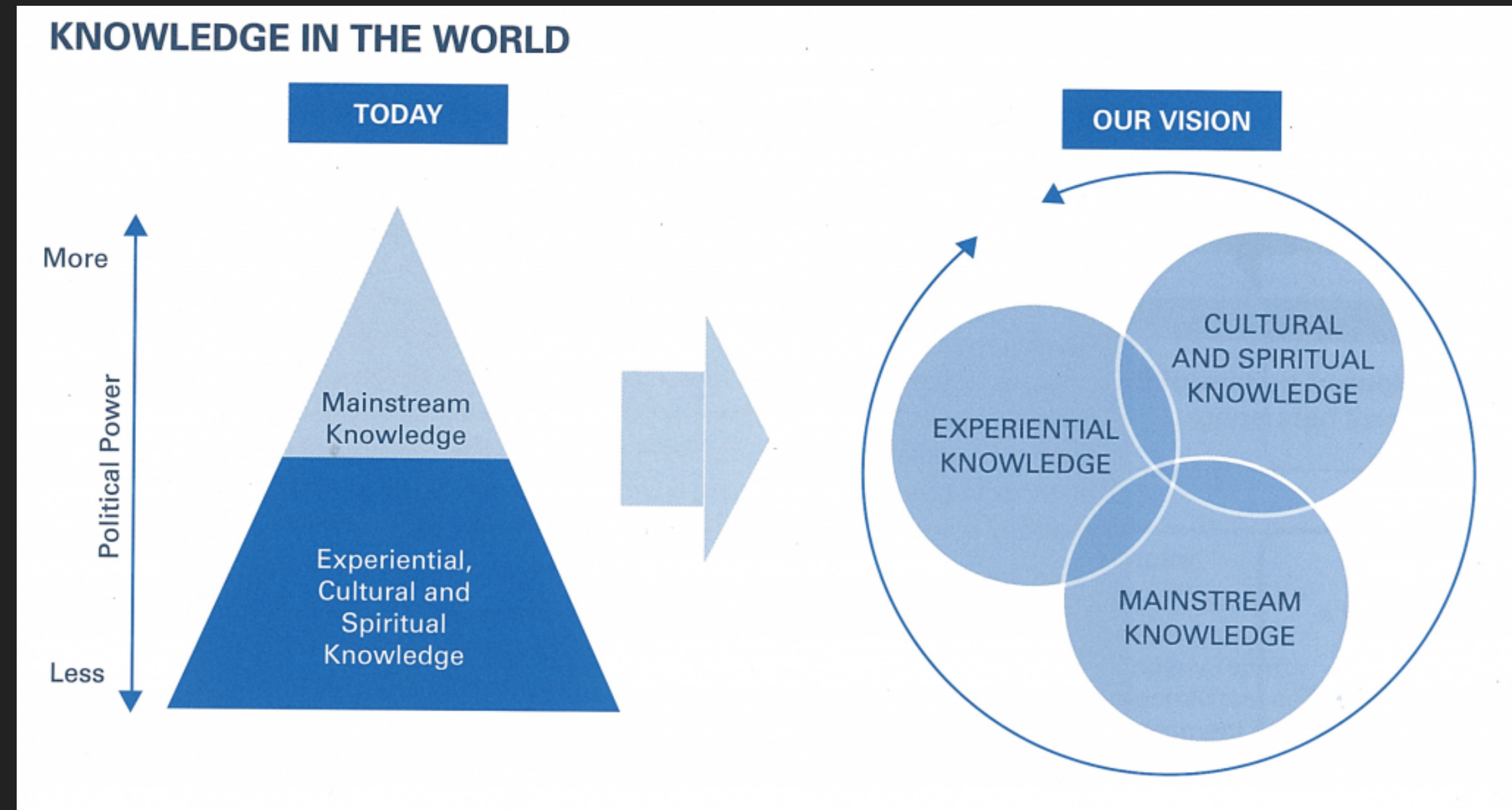
- CBPR for health focuses on problems of relevance to the local community using an ecological approach that attends to multiple determinants of health and disease.
- CBPR balances research and action for the mutual benefit of all partners.
- CBPR disseminates findings and knowledge gained to the broader community and involves all partners in the dissemination process.
- CBPR promotes a long-term process and commitment to sustainability.





# Community Based Participatory Research Principles

## Research Justice





# Proposed Model

## CBPR Partnership

Centralized program administration in Controller's Office, RFPs by the City, multiple community research team grants to CBOs, program guidelines provided by RFP with flexibility for CBO's to design the program according to their communities. Engagement with OCOH members on progression of projects.

## Program Staffing

Community research staff in Controller's Office and/or RFP for community research program coordination to work with OCOH Oversight Committee, CBO partners and Controllers Office staff.

## Community Researchers

We want to identify community researchers that represent the diversity of San Francisco and have lived experience of homelessness and housing insecurity. We believe they should receive fair compensation and support for their lived expertise.

## Program Scope

Community Based Organizations will provide training, support and compensation for community researchers to complete needs assessment and additional data collection activities to support OCOH



# Budget

- Committee voted to add \$750,000 in Fiscal Year 2021-22 and \$1 million in Fiscal Year 2022-23.
- Recommendations did not make it into the Mayor's Budget, we'd like to make sure it makes it this year and next.
- FY22-23: \$1M - \$250,000 for program coordination staff (either in Controller's Office or RFPd), \$750,000 for multiple CBO community research teams
- FY23-24:\$1M - \$250,000 for program coordination staff (either in Controller's Office or RFPd), \$750,000 for multiple CBO community research teams
- Program will be paid for out of the 3% administrative

# The Next Steps

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## April

Approval of CRP concept and RFP process

## May

Mayor and BOS approval of allocation

## June

RFP for community based organizations completed

## July

RFP released for bid and staffing hiring process begins



Thank you!